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HOUSE RESOLUTION 11 of the Second Extraordinary Session
By Armstrong

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Barbara Rose
Hatton, President of Knoxville College.

WHEREAS, founded in 1875 by Presbyterian missionaries, Knoxville College is the only historically black college which serves as a “work college,” offering an education to those students for whom political, social, and economic networks fail to be the vehicle by which to change their lives; and

WHEREAS, this highly regarded institution is fortunate to have had Dr. Barbara Rose Hatton as their dynamic president since July 25, 1997; and

WHEREAS, under her strong leadership, Knoxville College, known for its historic excellence and commitment to equality, has undergone a renewal: rebuilding financial stability, strong academic programs, and repositioning the College to carry out its original mission as a place of opportunity for students for whom education is a stepping stone for students to change their life circumstances. The appropriate motto is “Let There Be Light”; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hatton completed her undergraduate studies in Psychology and Mathematics at Howard University and her first Master’s degree at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University.) Her second Master’s degree is in Business Education and her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education were earned at Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, a former Deputy Director of the Education and Culture program at the prestigious Ford Foundation, she has broken barriers in her appointments as professor,

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administrator and dean at diverse institutions, including Stanford University, Atlanta University, Tuskegee University, and Howard University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hatton was the first woman president of South Carolina State University, where she provided leadership for the effort to make statewide policy changes to promote greater equity and broaden diversity in the fields of both teacher education and engineering; and

WHEREAS, she also served as the first woman Dean of Education at Tuskegee University and was responsible for the adoption of important state policy changes related to small teacher education programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hatton was also the first African-American woman to serve as professor in the School of Education at Stanford University, where she led a nationwide school reform initiative serving twenty-five states; and

WHEREAS, a popular consultant and public speaker, she has generously contributed her time and considerable expertise in educational initiatives focused across the spectrum on policy changes, leadership development, and the promotion of high standards; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hatton currently serves on the Advisory Committee of the College Board's Equity 2000 project, the Board of Directors of the Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, and the Tennessee Valley Resource Board; and

WHEREAS, she has previously served admirably on the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Board of the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, the Commission on Educational Quality of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Board of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, the Board of the National Center on Education and the Economy, and the Board of the Saint Andrews-Sewanee School. Dr. Hatton is a past chairperson of the Georgia Professional Teaching Standards Committee; and

WHEREAS, her long and distinguished career of outstanding service and numerous professional accomplishments have been specially recognized with the ROSE Award from the

University of Southern California School of Education, the Alumni Award for Distinguished Postgraduate Achievement from Howard University, the Chief Manuelito Award from the Navajo Nation, and the Drum Major for Justice Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to commend this distinguished administrator of education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Dr. Barbara Rose Hatton on her exemplary service as President of Knoxville College and her many contributions to the education profession.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest appreciation to Dr. Hatton and wish her much continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.